# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> OF OCTOBER AT 8:30- A.M. SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER 1102 OXLEY STREET

### ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Shon convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Citizen Commission at 8:35 AM.

Vice-Chair Shon called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present:

Vice-Chair Shon, Commissioners Papadakis, Vanderwall and Knight

Absent: Chair, Levitt

City Council Liaison present: Absent

Staff present: Community Services Supervisor Torres

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice-Chair Shon opened the Public Comment section. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public present.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Commissioner Vanderwall motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Knight.

AYES: Knight, Shon, Vanderwall and Papadakis

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

# 1. Report and update on Dial A Ride program ridership

A written report was submitted by Angela Loera, Supervisor of Dial a Ride program and was read to the commission. Staff member Loera was not to attendance. The report provided information of destinations and ridership in the high seven hundreds. Commission Vanderwall asked for a report on ridership for a twelve month period. Staff member Torres stated she would bring the request to back and added that since Angela was covering as Acting Community Services Director, it could take a little time to bring back the information.

2. Update on Community Workshop "What to do About Mom or Dad"

The third community workshop designed to educate families and caregivers will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 6:30 pm. The workshop will focus on topics of legal and financial matters, including Medicare, probate, estate planning, avoiding fraud and abuse and much more. It was suggested that the spring 2020 workshop focus on medical issues. Commissioners Knight, Papadakis and Shon said they would arrive around 5:30 pm to assist with set up.

3. Update Cooling Centers triggered summer of 2019

Staff provided an update on how many times a cool center was triggered this summer in comparison to 2018. As of today's meeting cooling centers were triggered only once during the months of June- early October. In 2018 they were trigged four times from June through end of October. The summer was milder than the past two years.

4. Holiday Cheer Program

The Senior Commission will once again offer the Holiday Cheer Program where donations are solicited from the community of packaged chocolates and candy, as well as gift cards to local stores to create cheer bags for home bound older adults. The donation period will start earlier to allow more time for the public to respond, beginning November 18 through December 16, with Senior Center being a drop off location. At the next meeting commissioners will sign up for delivery dates.

5. Need of Volunteers for Senior Center Meal Program

Over the last couple months the Center has been short on back up volunteers to assist with delivery when regular volunteers take time off. When back up volunteers are not able to assist, the Center manager has had to deliver. Commissioners were asked to spread the words among their friends and contacts.

6. Senior Center programming updates:

Staff reported on the scheduled programs and services for the months of October and early November.

7. City Council Communications

No report was provided.

8. Commissioner Communications

No reports were provided.

9. Staff Liaison Communications

No report was provided.

# ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Knight moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Papadakis. All were in favor.